

PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 04853.0136-00000

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
Kei Tashiro et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1796  
Application No.: 10/591,524 ) Examiner: Liam J. HEINCER  
§ 371(c) date: September 1, 2006 )  
Filed: September 15, 2005 ) Confirmation No.: 2979  
For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING )  
DEPROTEINIZED NATURAL )  
RUBBER LATEX )

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Applicant petitions for a one month extension of time to file a reply to the Office Action of September 2, 2008. A fee of \$130.00 is enclosed.

Please grant any additional extensions of time required to enter the attached reply and charge any additional required fees to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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